

# Parren J. Mitchell for Congress



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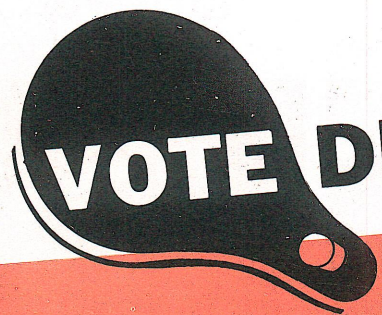
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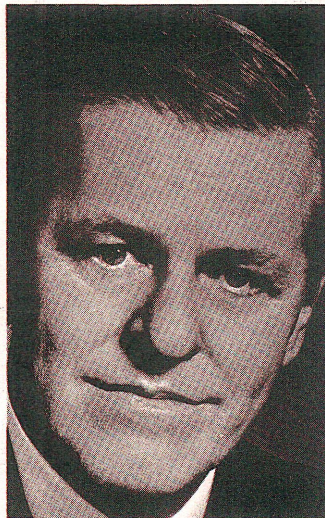
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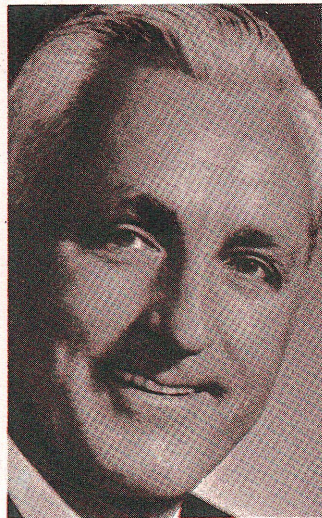




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## PARREN J. MITCHELL, CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

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An open letter to the people of Northwest Baltimore on the Middle East

I urge my constituents to read the statement on the back of this letter, with which I fully and deeply concur. And I ask that you read the following, which is a statement of my own policy regarding the Middle East.

I believe that:

- 1) no lasting peace can be imposed upon the Middle East by the Great Powers, but must consist of a working agreement between Israel and her Arab neighbors;
- 2) any peace talk arrangements which disregard Israel's security and need for defensible boundaries is unacceptable;
- 3) the U.S. must back up Israel's demand that the Russian SAM's be withdrawn before talks begin, for violations of the standstill cease-fire by Egypt and her Soviet allies destroy the good faith and security necessary for negotiations;
- 4) the Administration's diplomacy has been reckless in its failure to provide real safeguards against cease-fire violations, which has led to the present impasse;
- 5) the U.S. must send the arms which Israel needs to defend herself; we must be firm in our support and open in our dealings with Israel, a state which represents a democratic ally in an otherwise despotic Middle East, and which represents the refuge and homeland for an oppressed but irrepressible minority.

A legislator belongs to the people. I pledge to work for all the people in the 7th District, to be aware of and sensitive to your needs and concerns, and, to the fullest extent of my ability, to serve the public interest.

Yours in Peace,

*Parren J. Mitchell*  
Parren J. Mitchell



# An Appeal by BLACK AMERICANS For United States SUPPORT to ISRAEL

The crisis in the Middle East is a cause of great concern to all Americans—non-Jew as well as Jew, black as well as white. Our concern as black Americans is motivated not only by the threat to world peace which is posed by the Arab-Israeli conflict. We are also moved by the ideals of democracy and social justice, ideals which we have struggled to achieve in this country and which we firmly believe the United States must uphold in the Middle East. In our opinion, the United States can best stand by these ideals by unequivocally guaranteeing Israel's security.

While we are aware that Israel, like any other nation, has its shortcomings, it is by far the most democratic country in the Middle East. What is remarkable is that the high degree of political freedom in Israel has not diminished despite the constant need to maintain military preparedness. In contrast, countries like Iraq, Syria, and Egypt are dictatorial one-party states where the press and the courts are rigorously controlled and non-Moslem minorities are severely persecuted. Moreover, Israel has made tremendous strides toward achieving an egalitarian economic order. Its sophisticated system of educational, health, and welfare services is more advanced even than in our own country and has enhanced the quality of life for Arab as well as Jewish Israelis. The incidence of poverty in the Arab countries, on the other hand, remains appalling. The income from oil has been used to sustain wealthy sheikdoms—and often terrorist organizations as well—but rarely to alleviate the suffering of the poor.

We are deeply concerned about the plight of impoverished Arabs, particularly those who have been made refugees as a result of the three Arab-Israeli wars. But we do not feel that the continuation of the conflict serves the real interests of these people. Prolonged hostilities and inflammatory calls for the destruction of Israel can only divert precious attention, energy, and resources away from an attack on the pressing social and economic problems of the Arab people.

Some Americans, including a small minority of blacks, have expressed the feeling that the Middle East crisis is fundamentally a racial conflict between nonwhite Arabs and white Israelis. We think that this point of view is not only uninformed but dangerously misleading. It ignores the fact that approximately half the Jewish Israeli population consists of immigrants from Asia and Africa. And it also implies that there is an inherent solidarity of nonwhite people. This notion should have been laid to rest not only by the tragic Nigerian civil war, but also by the continuing brutal persecution of black Africans by the Sudanese government which, it must be emphasized, is militarily allied with and assisted by the Egyptian government. We should add in this regard that Israel, with its impressive program of foreign technical aid, has contributed far more than any of its Arab enemies to the development of black African nations.

We, therefore, support Israel's right to exist for the same reasons that we have struggled for freedom and equality in America. And it is again for these reasons that we believe that only peace and economic development can bring real justice to the Arab people. The present crisis in the Middle East endangers both Israel's existence and a better life for the Arabs. We believe that the United States has a vital role to play in ending this crisis. If it does not stand firm in the Middle East, the Soviet Union will be encouraged to increase its intervention, thereby escalating the conflict still further.

We urge the United States government to use its great influence to help bring the Israelis and the Arabs to the conference table where they can work out among themselves a just and negotiated settlement. We also urge our government to take steps to help guarantee Israel's right to exist as a nation. For the present this means providing Israel with the full number of jet aircraft it has requested.

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Parren J. Mitchell  
in Congress**

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have watchdogs in Washington. THE  
PEOPLE need a watchdog, too.



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# This is where **PARREN J. MITCHELL** stands on the issues



"As a country we very often deal only with symptoms. We make a token gesture toward the poor, the minorities, the victims of pollution—just enough to maintain the status quo. We need fundamental changes. We need programs aimed at causes".

Parren Mitchell

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

I now favor, and have for some time, immediate withdrawal of all troops from Southeast Asia. We must end our role as policeman there. Unlike the incumbent, who has supported the war from 1962 to 1969 by voting appropriations for its continuance, I have always opposed the war in Southeast Asia.

## THE ECONOMIC SLUMP

We spend 22 billion a year on military operations. We must rechannel some of this into our domestic economy. We need an imaginative approach to unemployment, training of unskilled workers, slum clearance, pollution, ecology and expanding population. We need programs which attack multiple problems. Hundreds of thousands of jobs could be created for retrained workers if we got serious about smog, water pollution, and other areas coming out for attention. Our expanding population creates even greater needs for massive federal construction programs. We must insist that local men—especially black and brown men—be hired to fill local jobs. Discrimination in the construction unions must end so that jobs created by housing programs and slum clearance and pollution programs go to the people immediately affected by these projects.

## LOW-COST HOUSING

We have broken the technology barrier. We know how to build extremely low-cost housing. Now we need to break the bureaucracy barrier. We must abandon outmoded building codes protected by special interest groups.

## CRIME

Most of us think of crime in terms of symptoms—the assault on person or property. Maybe it is time to think of crime in larger terms—social crimes, such as tax loopholes for corporations, pollution by public service industries, neglect by landlords. Most of these crimes are not even on the books, yet they could very well be greater crimes against society than personal assault.

If a black child will live 7 years less than a white child, and an Indian child will live 14 years less, can this be considered a crime against life?

We must rethink our whole system of crime and punishment. Is imprisonment the answer? If a man is robbed must he also pay taxes to support his assailant for 5 years in prison? If we instituted a system of compensation of the victim, would this cut down on the need for punitive justice? We all know that crimes committed by a rich man's son are very often settled by the simple device of paying the victim, while a poor man's son is subject to the full punitive effects of the law. Our States Attorney has unlimited funds to bring about convictions. Perhaps the cry for "Law and Order" should be changed to a cry for "Law and Justice."

## TAXES

Taxation in this country needs a complete overhaul. The ultra-rich and the corporations evade taxes. Who makes up the deficit? The working man and the small homeowner. We should:

1. Plug some of the loopholes for big business and the wealthy
2. Raise individual exemptions from \$600 to \$1,200
3. Raise standard deductions from 10% to 15%
4. Get rid of sales and small property taxes
5. End the 10% surtax

## POLICE POWER

I oppose the use of police power to squelch dissent. Police should be under community control; policemen should be recruited from the area where they are to work. They must be responsive to the needs and desires of the community.

## YOUTHFUL DISSENT

The voice of youth could become a powerful political force. Students are now lobbying in Washington; law students are analyzing the legal implications of Cambodia. I see a new force emerging—a coalition of students, minority groups, peace workers, civil rights workers, anti-poverty workers. This combined force can form a powerful influence on Congress.

## ECOLOGY

Someone must have the courage to speak out against the real villain—the drive for a quick profit and hang the long-range effects on the people, the air, the water and the land. Someone must take on the huge corporations and demand federal policing of such industries as oil and insecticides.

We need massive federal programs for recycling paper, glass, cans, and plastics. These programs could be a 20th Century version of the Homestead Act—a Recycling Act.

## MIDEAST

I support the U.S. commitment to a peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Arab conflict, with arms aid to Israel to insure her boundaries during negotiations.

## WORKERS' RIGHTS

We must work for full rights for all workers. This means the right to organize, strike, have a union shop and collect unemployment and social security. We need specific legislation for non-unionized workers, such as farm and domestic workers.

## MINIMUM ANNUAL WAGE

We need a guaranteed annual wage of at least \$5,000 a year for a family of four. Nixon's proposal of \$1,600 is just another hollow token. No one can raise a family on that. We need a decent wage for everyone in America.

## SOCIAL SECURITY AND PENSIONERS

Our older citizens especially need a watchdog. Pensioners need subsidies and Social Security should be raised to at least \$350 a month.

## THE CANDIDATE

He was born and raised in Baltimore  
He is 48  
He has an AB from Morgan State College and an MA in sociology from the University of Maryland  
Some jobs he has had:  
Executive Secretary - Maryland Human Relations Commission  
Director - Baltimore Community Action Agency  
Supervisor, Probation work, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City

He is now:  
Professor of sociology - Morgan State College  
Assistant Director of the Urban Studies Institute  
Morgan State College  
President - Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc.  
Board member, Martin Luther King Parent-Child Center  
Board member, ADA and SANE

His public record:  
For the past 20 years, he has pressed for change 1950 - admitted as the first Black Student on the College Park campus, leading an NAACP sponsored court fight 1959 - implemented Baltimore's unique post-sentence case work program 1963 - helped establish first U.S. Labor Dept. job training program on the Eastern Shore 1963 - pressed for an end to discrimination at Gwynn Oak; fought for broad state-wide public accommodations law 1964 - led battle against housing discrimination in Maryland, focusing on off-base housing surrounding military installations 1968 - fought nursing home and pharmacy efforts to exempt their employees from minimum wage law, stressing No exemptions before Minimum Wage Commission; testified and labored against proposed routing of East-West expressway through hundreds of Rosemont area, Mt. Airy-Franklin corridor homes; led successful battle against proposed 25% cut in federal funds for city's Neighborhood Youth Program 1969 - fought to lower security deposit charged by gas and electric services; testified to raise Maryland minimum wage from \$1.25 to 1.60 before governor's advisory committee; labored successfully against the proposed city 10% utilities tax, changing it a tax against the poor 1970 - leader in anti-war protests sponsored by Mortician Committee and Johns Hopkins, fought against exploitation by landlords, leading tenant march; acted as mediator between police and students in Morgan State confrontation.

"Black people are suffering from inadequate representation. White people are suffering from incompetent representation."

Parren J. Mitchell, 1970





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